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(54) Title: NON NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

(57) Abstract: Phosphorus-substituted imidazole compounds with anti-HIV properties having use as therapeutics and for other industrial purposes are disclosed. The compositions inhibit reverse transcriptase activity and are useful therapeutically for the inhibition of such enzymes, as well as in assays for the detection of such enzymes.



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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 169-224, 229-232  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:  
4-7, 13, 14, 91-138, 140-160, partly: 1-3, 20-90, 161-168
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

- ☒ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box 3.

Claims Nos.: 169-224, 229-232

In claim 169, "MBF" is not clear to the skilled person; see for instance WO-A-0114361: "Example 2: Preparation of Monobenzyl fluorescein (MBF)"

There is no category for a claim directed to an "improvement"; see claim 170 in connection with Guidelines Ch. III. 3.1.

Apart from the fact that the expression "improvement" as such is unclear, the claims 171-201 attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of that unclear result to be achieved which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying (unclear) problem. The technical features necessary for achieving this result should have been added.

Likewise, claims 211 - 220 attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem. The technical features necessary for achieving this result should have been added.

The meaning of "half-life" in claim 232 is not precise; see Guidelines Ch. IV. 4.5.

A claim should be understandable without reference to the description. Therefore, claims 169, 202-210, 221 - 224, and 229-231 cannot be accepted under Art. 6, PCT; Rule 6.2(a) and Guidelines Ch. III. 4.10.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 6, 91-111, 132, 134, 140-147, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Capravirine-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

2. Claims: 4, 133, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Phosphonate compounds of formula Ia

3. Claims: 5, 112-131, 135-138, 148-160, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Phosphonate compounds of formula Ib

4. Claims: 7, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Phosphonate compounds of formula Id

5. Claims: 8, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

PETT-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

6. Claims: 9, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Pyrazole-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

7. Claims: 10, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Urea-PETT-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

8. Claims: 11, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Nevapirine-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

9. Claims: 12, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Quinazoline-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

10. Claims: 13, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168

Evavirenz-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds

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11. Claims: 14, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168  
Benzophenone-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
12. Claims: 15, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168  
Pyrimidine-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
13. Claims: partly 1-3, 16, 20-90, 161-168  
SJ-3366-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
14. Claims: 17, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168  
Delavirdine-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
15. Claims: partly 1-3, 16, 20-90, 161-168  
Emivirine-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
16. Claims: 19, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168  
Loviride-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
17. Claims: 18, partly claims 1-3, 20-90, 161-168  
UC781-like phosphonate NNRTI compounds
18. Claims: 140-147  
N-A2- imidazole derivatives
19. Claims: 148-160  
N-A1- imidazole derivatives
20. Claims: partly claims 1, 161-168  
NNRTI compounds containing phosphonate group(s) not  
comprised by inventions I-XIX
21. Claims: 225-228, 233-236



FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Method of targeting a compound to white blood cells; the compound being not necessarily a NNRTI and the preparation of such compound

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